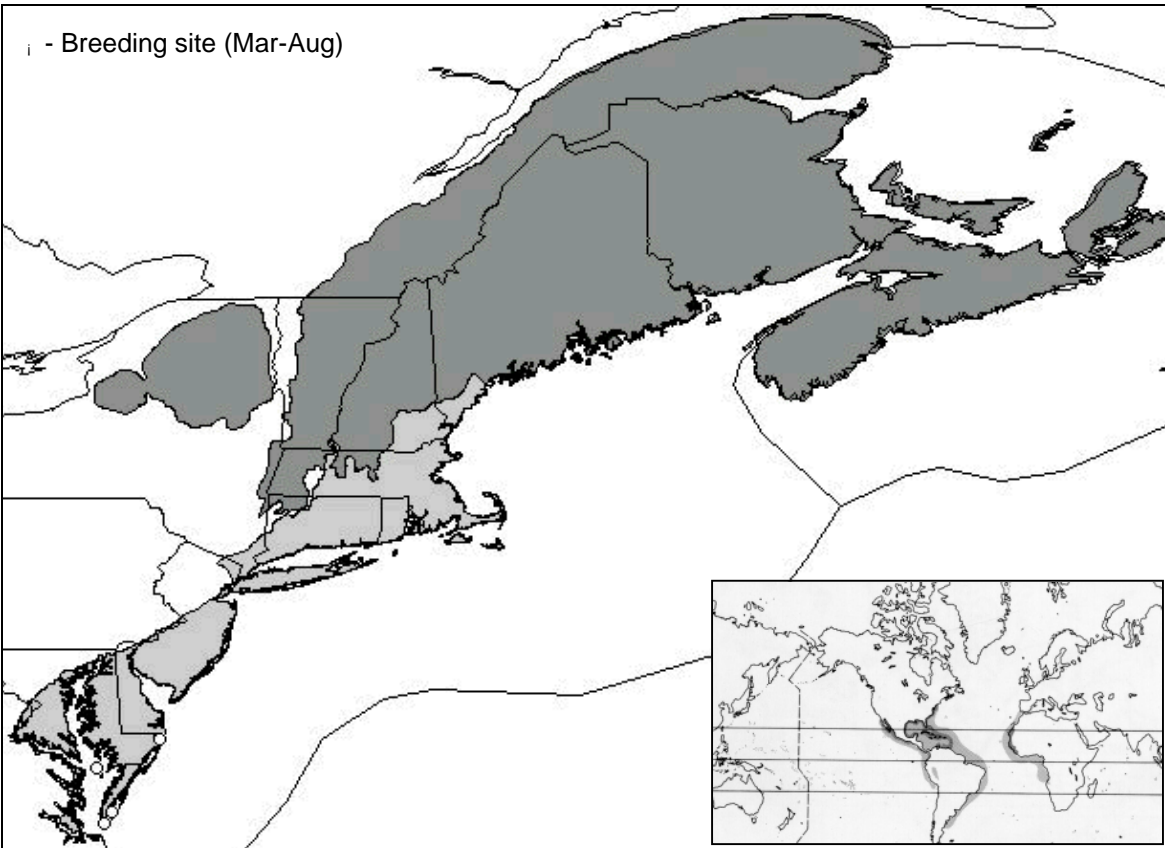


ROYAL TERN

Sterna maxima maxima



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: open sandy beaches (breeding); seacoasts, lagoons and estuaries, rarely on lakes (non-breeding)

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population: US—8,174 (4 colonies); CAN—0
- 1970s population: US—9,200 (1 colony)
- 11.2% decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats

- Extremely sensitive to human encroachment; will desert colony and move to new site if disturbed early during egg-laying period
- Vulnerable to predation, especially mammalian (fox and raccoon)
- Wind farm development potential impact

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
284,900 – 314,900t	100,000 – 150,000b	0b	8,174b	8,174b	0b	0b	0b
IUCN Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Moderate Concern (PI=50%)	(PI=0%)	Moderate (PI=5-8%)	NJ-S1B; DE-SZN MD-S1B; VA-S2B, SZN	NY-S?N; CT-SZN; RI-S1N; MA-SN; VT-no info	MA-SN; NH-no info; ME-no info; NB, NS- no info	QC- no info; PE-no info NB, NS- no info

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 1 chick / pair / year presumed; *Foraging Habitat:* seldom seen inland and seldom wander more than a few km from land; plunge divers; *Issues:*

It is necessary to protect nesting colonies from human disturbance (e.g. fencing, sign posting) and predation.; *Needs:* monitor, investigate cause of decline; *Population Goals:* restore (increase), target 6,200-10,000b; *Habitat Goals:*